THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) As per the data available with the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, the quantity of Kerala based Cashew and Marine products exported through the ports of the Tuticorin and New Mangalore during 2004-2005 and April-September, 2005-2006 were as follows:

Quantity in Kg.

Ports	Cashew		Marine Products	
	2004-05	2005-06 Apr-Sept	2004-05	2005-06 Apr-Sept
Tuticorin	20796620	100722415	864182	126734
New Mangalore	122000	211100	—	—

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Houses for Tsunami affected people of A and N Islands

*159. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for about 10,000 people who lost their homes in the worst-hit Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a roof over their head is still a distant dream;

(b) if so, whether it is due to ongoing tiff between the local administration and the armed forces over the extent of land required, thereby stalling several projects, including construction of about 5,672 houses; and

(c) what steps have been taken to resolve this dispute and by when the envisaged projects would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. A total number of 9565 intermediate shelters for victims of Andaman and Nicobar Islands were constructed soon after the tsunami struck the Islands and allotted to the affected families. The affected families are now living in these intermediate shelters. There is no ongoing tiff between local Administration and the

armed forces over the extent of land required. The Government of India has recently approved the construction of permanent houses for the affected families. The work of construction of permanent houses is expected to be completed by April, 2008.

Funds for rural employment

*160. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released to various States for rural employment as per National Rural Employment Guarantee Act; and

(b) whether there is any mechanism thought of for involving the Members of Parliament and MLAs and to take their cooperation; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The funds released under National Food for Work Programme in 150 districts where NFFWP was in force are to be utilized for NREGA in the current financial year. In addition, Rs. 5.35 Crores have been released to each of the newly identified 50 districts for NREGA. The total funds released to each state including the NFFWP funds are given at enclosed Statement.

(b) For effective implementation of NREGA by the various states, operational guidelines have been prepared by Ministry of Rural Development. For preparing these guidelines, suggestions had been called for from leaders of political parties, State Governments, Members of Parliament and also from general public. Ministers in charge of the rural developments of the states and members of Parliaments were invited to participate in the discussions held for finalization of the guidelines. MPs and MLAs are chairman and members of the state level and district level vigilance and monitoring committees.

In a State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee, Minister Rural Development Departments of the concerned State is the Chairman. Four MPs from Lok Sabha, 1 MP from Rajya Sabha and 5 MLAs are its members. In a District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee, the Chairman is Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) elected from the districts and nominated by the Ministry of Rural Development. All MPs (Lok Sabha) of the district and one MP (Rajya Sabha) representing the state and